

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
February 28, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

<b>Cumulative Attendance</b>					
<b>1/2022 through 12/2022</b>					
	<b>Members</b>	<b>Appt by</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>1</b>	Vacant Position	M	-	-	-
<b>2</b>	Douglas Meade, Vice Chair	I	P	1	1
<b>3</b>	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
<b>4</b>	Kelly Charles	IV	P	2	0
<b>5</b>	David Blattner	I	P	2	0
<b>6</b>	Vacant Position	-	-	-	-
<b>7</b>	Whitney Dutton	IV	P	1	1
<b>8</b>	Carolann Mazza	III	A	1	1
<b>9</b>	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
<b>10</b>	Carol Tamburly	III	P	2	0
<b>11</b>	Vacant Position	M	-	-	-

**Staff Present**

**Public Works Department**

Jason Bocchinfuso, Sustainability Administrator, Staff Liaison (via Zoom)

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Nancy Gassman, Ph.D., Assistant Public Works Director, Sustainability (via Zoom)

Melissa Doyle, Solid Waste and Recycling Program Manager (via Zoom)

Carla Blair, Prototype, Inc.

**Guests Present**

Professor Thomas Chouvinc, University of Florida

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Douglas Meade at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes for November and December 2021 and January 2022 were introduced. A motion to approve the minutes with a correction to the spelling of Dr. Nancy Gassman's name in the January minutes was made by Ms. Tamburly and seconded by Mr. Blattner. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Liaison Report**

**Tree Preservation Ordinance**

Mr. Hadwen reported the first reading of the Tree Preservation Ordinance had occurred at the February 15, 2022 City Commission meeting. It was passed with the condition that: before second reading Commissioner Sorenson would convene a meeting to discuss stakeholder concerns. If the changes recommended were modest, the ordinance could proceed to second reading, and if major changes were

necessary, it would come back for a new first reading. He stated he would update the Board as the ordinance progressed.

Vice Chair Meade asked about the feedback received at the Commission meeting and discussion ensued regarding concerns about the amount and size of trees required, the specifics of modular suspended pavement systems, and recommended species.

#### Conservation Pays Splash Game

Mr. Hadwen shared details of the Conservation Pays Splash Game through Broward Water Partnership, which encourages water conservation and sustainability. The City of Fort Lauderdale is a participant in the Broward Water Partnership.

#### LEED for Cities

Mr. Hadwen briefly discussed the LEED for Cities certification program, noting it looks at community-wide sustainability metrics, including greenhouse gasses per capita, equity, and other issues. He stated staff had submitted an application to participate in a national cohort of cities seeking the certification. He noted if awarded, the program's focus areas could be brought back to the Board for discussion throughout the year.

#### Presentations

##### Termite Impact on Urban Trees

Professor Thomas Chouvenc, University of Florida, shared a presentation on termite impact on urban trees. He discussed species of termites and their impact, sharing details on historical growth and future projections for spread of the termite infestation and associated damage. He noted the landscape would continue to change and discussed the need to establish a program to limit the damage. Continuing, Professor Chouvenc discussed temporary and more sustainable approaches to respond to the issue. He shared a pilot project, including the associated treatment and results. He discussed training and education, and the actions which can be taken to address minimizing infestations, as well as costs and product ingredients. He closed by suggesting a task force be created on the City level.

A question-and-answer segment ensued. Consensus was to discuss a Communication to the Commission at the March meeting.

***Presentation is attached.***

#### New Business

##### 2022 SAB Planning

Mr. Hadwen reviewed potential topics for the 2022 SAB, as follows:

- Net Zero/Carbon Neutrality
- Citywide Vulnerability Assessment
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
- Renewable Solar Energy
- Environmental Performance Metrics
- LEED for Cities

Mr. Hadwen noted subjects could also be brought up as the year goes along. He asked whether any 2021 topics needed to be moved forward, and discussion ensued on retaining the following topics:

- Joint Meeting with Other Cities Planning
- Wildlife Corridors Along Canals

Mr. Bocchinfuso encouraged Board members to reach out to him with items they would like to bring to the Board's attention in the Information Exchange.

Ms. Charles inquired regarding filling the vacancies on the Board and discussion ensued on recruitment and appointments.

*Item addressed out of order.*

### **Old Business**

#### **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

A **motion** to name Mr. Blattner as Chair was made by Ms. Tamburri and seconded by Ms. Charles. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

A **motion** to name Ms. Tamburri as Vice Chair was made by Mr. Blattner and seconded by Mr. Dutton. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

#### **SAB Commission Joint Workshop**

Mr. Hadwen provided a brief overview of plans for the joint workshop with the City Commission scheduled for March 15. He noted a Board member would need to provide introductory remarks and introduce the vision for outcomes of the workshop. Discussion continued regarding who planned to attend and preparation for the meeting. Mr. Blattner agreed to provide opening remarks.

### **Proposed Communication**

None.

### **Comments**

None.

### **Items for Next Meeting**

#### **Presentations**

- Clean Cities Coalition speaker on electric vehicles

#### **Old Business**

- Workshop follow-up

#### **Communications**

- Communication on termites and urban forestation

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.